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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1957:—

Bill No. XI of 1957

A Bill further to amend the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Indian Post Office (Amendment) Act, 1957.

Short title.

6 of 1898.

2. After section 19 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new section 19A.

“19A. No person shall send by post—

(a) any ticket, proposal or advertisement relating to a lottery; or

(b) any other matter descriptive of, or otherwise relating to, a lottery, which is calculated to act as an inducement to persons to participate in that lottery.

Transmission by post of tickets, proposals, etc., relating to unauthorised lotteries prohibited.

Explanation.—In this section, “lottery” does not include a lottery organised or authorised by the Government.”

3. In clause (a) of sub-section (3) of section 23 of the principal Act, after the word and figures “section 19”, the words, figures and letter “or section 19A” shall be inserted.

Amendment of section 23.

4. In section 61 of the principal Act, after the word and figures “section 19”, in both the places where they occur, the words, figures and letter “or section 19A” shall be inserted.

Amendment of section 61.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under the rules made under section 21 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, articles containing lottery tickets or proposals relating to lotteries other than lotteries organised or authorised by the Government of India or a State Government, if detected during the course of their transmission by post, have to be returned to the sender. The increase in the number of such postal articles renders it necessary that postal authorities should be empowered to destroy such articles in the same manner as certain other objectionable articles are destroyed under section 23. Specific power in this behalf has to be vested in the postal authorities by an amendment of the Act. Hence the present Bill.

LAL BAHADUR.

NEW DELHI;
The 23rd November, 1957.

S. N. MUKERJEE,
Secretary.